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**Rock Creek  
WBID #1714**

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Subject evidence of swimming at Rock Creek, Jefferson County

Hello, John;

Attached are some of the photographs I showed you at the public meeting regarding UAAs at Powder Valley in St. Louis. I could find no way to attach them to the WPP stream use survey report form, and so am sending them to you directly. I have now had to scale down the size so that your email inbox would accept them.

These are photos of high school students from Windsor High School in Imperial, MO who were participating in a stream cleanup event with Stream Team # 956 at Mastodon State Park. Cheyenne, the young lady who went diving for cans in photo #1081, related that she lives in a subdivision just to the southwest of the spot where the photo was taken and that she and her neighborhood friends swim in this same "swimminghole" several times a month during the summer. The location is N 38.378058, W -90.39223. There were 25 students and two teachers on this cleanup crew (which was one of three) and virtually all students returned to the bus with wet hair, wet clothes and smiles on their faces for having done good service. To be clear, I observed students swimming on this event.

I was at the lower Mastodon State Park parking lot on June 4th and June 5th and observed more than 10 families with children swimming, wading and splashing at various locations along Rock Creek within walking distance of the parking lot. Some arrived with inflatable beach toys.

It is my hope that with the attached photographic evidence we can get the word "inconclusive" removed from the Primary WBCR use on Rock Creek at least at Mastodon State Park.

Thank you,

Tom Ball  
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